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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1907.

At Christmas play and make good cheer.
For Christmas comes but once a year.
—Thomas Tusser.

THE GOOD-WILL SEASON.
It is not strange that the angel who announced the birth of the Redeemer of the world should have brought with him and delivered a message of good will to men. It was in that spirit that the plan of redemption was conceived and executed, and in that spirit should the Christmas season be celebrated. In good will should Christmas greetings go their merry rounds; in good will should our aims be bestowed and every gift presented.

Happily enough, that is the Christmas characteristic, for Christmas is proverbially and pre-eminently the good-will season, and that is why it is the happiest season of all the year. Fity that the same spirit does not prevail in all seasons and forever. Good will is the magic of life. Between master and man, mutually and reciprocally, it takes the drudgery out of work and gives a flavor and an impetus to trade. Between citizens of the same community, it creates public spirit and a common brotherhood. In the household, it makes every family a smile club.

Good will thinks no evil, harbors no malice, cherishes no grudge. Good will makes the whole world akin. Without it there can be no friendship nor friendly intercourse between man and man, no honest community of interest. With it the missionary spirit will be universal and human happiness assured under any honorable circumstances.

We, therefore, move that the good-will season which has set in to-day in Richmond be extended and continued until Christmas, 1908, and from that time on until further notice.

A SWEET DREAM BROKEN.

Something more than a year ago a "wave" swept over the country of proportions almost as large as the prohibition wave that is now roaring along. It was the free alcohol wave, and many people seemed to be intoxicated with the free alcohol idea. They said that free alcohol would enrich the farmers by enabling them to convert their crops into cash, and that the whole country would be blessed not only with cheaper alcohol, but with cheaper gasoline, naphtha and electricity. The farmers would be on top at last and the oil trust would be brought low.

The bill abolishing the tax on denatured alcohol was passed, and the commissioner of the revenue reports, as a result, that ten stills have gone into business, but that the cost of the product is far greater than was promised. This tax was somewhat in the nature of a protective tariff tax, and there was one industry in Richmond which grew up under the system. The owners of the plant had expended \$200,000 in establishing it and were just getting it on a paying basis when the free alcohol bill was proposed. The Times-Dispatch took the ground that so long as the protective tariff system was continued, it was hardly fair to revise it in such a way as to destroy one class of industry, while continuing to "foster" others. Moreover, the Times-Dispatch was confident that the claims of the advocates of free alcohol were exaggerated, and that the promised benefits would never be realized. Therefore, it stood by the home enterprise.

But there was no such thing as stemming the tide. The wave would not recede. The free alcohol bill was passed, the Richmond factory suspended operations, and the plant that cost \$200,000 was recently sold for something more than \$8,000.

That is what Richmond has lost by free alcohol, and if any citizen of Richmond has gained anything by it, or if any Virginia farmer has been enriched by converting corn or potato parings into denatured alcohol, we should like to have a report from him.

WATCH JOHNSON.

Governor Johnson's career, says the Boston Globe, "has been a notable example of the man of native strength and breadth of character expanding intellectually to meet enlarged responsibilities and duties. He has grown up to every job that he has undertaken. In this respect the resemblance to Lincoln is unmistakable. It was the natural thing for people who knew him to insist that he would make a good Governor, and these friends and neighbors were not disappointed. It is natural now that people who know him or who know what he has

been and what he has done should believe that he would make a good President.
"His availability always has been one of his most attractive features, and to-day, when the Democratic party is casting about for a standard bearer for 1908, there certainly is no figure on the political horizon so available as the only man of presidential stature who has carried his own State since 1904, and who would be certainly assured of carrying it next year, and with it other States in the candel of republicanism in the Northwest."
The speech of Governor Johnson at the recent dinner of the Gridiron Club in Washington was one of the cleverest of the kind ever delivered upon such an occasion. It was but another demonstration of Governor Johnson's wonderful versatility. Keep your eye on Johnson.

THE WHOLE TRUTH.
Editor of The Times-Dispatch:
Sir,—Your leading editorial to-day was in reference to the Virginia debt issue. Preceding this editorial was a quotation from Rusk to the effect that "every day we omit obscure news which we should have known." Don't you think it is the duty of The Times-Dispatch to tell the people of Virginia the whole truth about the suit in which the State of Virginia is being used as a "cat's paw" to enforce individual claims? Why not tell the people of this State just how much money or what percentage (if any) will Virginia get from any judgment secured against West Virginia? Very truly yours,
Norfolk, Va. JOHN KEE.

The Times-Dispatch has repeatedly told "the whole truth" about the suit against West Virginia so far as it knew, and there has been no attempt to conceal anything. It is to be regretted that the suit had to be brought, but there seemed to be no help for it. Under the funding act of 1871 certificates of indebtedness were issued by Virginia to the creditors for so much of the total debt as was ascertained and agreed to be due by West Virginia. But this did not relieve Virginia from the obligation, as was decided by the Court of Appeals. See *Greenhow vs. Vashon*, 181 Virginia. Nor was this State relieved from this obligation by the settlement of 1892. Aside from her own interest in the matter, she was under obligation to the certificate holders to use her good offices to bring about a settlement with West Virginia on this account.

In pursuance of this obligation, the General Assembly of Virginia created a commission with authority to receive on deposit the outstanding West Virginia certificates, and with the consent of the Attorney-General of the State "to take such action and institute such proceedings on behalf of the State as may in the judgment of the said commission and the Attorney-General be deemed and proper to protect the interests of the State and bring about and effect a settlement." Such an agreement was entered into between the Virginia commission and the duly authorized representatives of the certificate holders, the exact language of it being that "in the event such a settlement is made, then it is hereby agreed that the amount realized thereon shall be accepted in full satisfaction of all claims of the certificate holders thereunder, and the undersigned committee will surrender to your commission, in exchange for 'chambers' the certificates aforesaid to deposited."

Signed by John Crosby Brown, chairman, and Robert L. Harrison, secretary of the committee.
The Virginia commission made repeated endeavors to effect a settlement with West Virginia out of court, but the authorities of that State would never give Virginia's overtures serious consideration.
Finally, our commission learned that suits were proposed against Virginia under the statutes of South Dakota, similar to the suit brought by that State against the State of North Carolina, upon the certificates of 1871, amounting to \$12,759,175, with interest from July, 1881. Such a suit might have involved Virginia in serious trouble, and the commission, under advice of the Attorney-General, decided to bring suit against West Virginia in the Supreme Court of the United States and force a settlement. The suit was brought at no expense to Virginia, and under agreement with the certificate holders, as already stated; that they would accept the adjudication of that court in full satisfaction of their claims against this State and discharge her from further obligation. Virginia's only contribution is the service of the Attorney-General, who has received no compensation for his services save his regular salary. He might have received a

large fee from the certificate holders, but of course he declined, and will decline any offers from that source.
Nor will Virginia receive any percentage or rake-off from any judgment which may be secured by the certificate holders, as our correspondent intimates. But Virginia has a considerable claim on her own account against West Virginia. She holds nearly \$2,000,000 of the certificates; she holds bonds of the old State which she has paid, and she has claims under the Wheeling ordinance. Under any just accounting her claims against West Virginia amount to several million dollars, and there is good reason to believe that they will be recognized and allowed in any adjudication which the Supreme Court may make.

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Dr. Lyon's
PERFECT
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Cleanses, preserves and beautifies the teeth, and Purifies the breath.
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Echoes of the fine-and-dandy farewell Christmas being released in Georgia are expected to reach these parts as early as 9:27 A. M.

Look for the silver lining. It might have been a calendar Christmas but for the activities of the white paper trust.

The Christmas shops are shut to-day. Now everything is up to the stocking.

Still, a boom does not splinter if it is made of genuine presidential timber.

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Rhymes for To-Day
PROSE!
Reprinted from The Times-Dispatch of December 25, 1906, at our request: for even we have to do a little stint of shopping now and then.)
ONLY a minute this morning will do—
Oh, but the thing would be shocking
Were I to pipe for an hour or two,
Holding you back from your stocking!
(No one, I know, would even glance at the thing—
Though he had been up since dawn-
ing,
Fire he had seen what his Rhymes For To-Day
Had that was helpful this morning.)
Hence all the Yule-thoughts that rise around me
I must determine to stifle—
Hating to crowd betwixt you and your
Stinking myself with a trifle.
So—my regards and a long life to you!
Christmas merrily and merrily
New Year's merrily there'll be more
Than a few—
Not merely happy—but very!
H. H. H.

GOOD PROFIT.
There was once a book collector who solemnly warned a friend against ever lending a book, and who, to enforce his moral, told him of a well-stocked shelf in his own home.
"Look at those shelves. Every book on them was lent to me," Judge's library.
TWO REQUIREMENTS.
"If a telephone girl has the voice to make a prima donna, then she only has the other qualifications."
"Better investigate." It's a clench she has the requisite haunter.—Washington Herald.
HE FIGURED IT OUT.
"Here's a lower berth, number nine, sir." "Then I'll be in upper berth."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

NOT QUITE PLAIN.
"I don't like Jigsby. He is always running around with a bunch of fellows." "Gossip or motorist?"—Baltimore American.
AN ACCIDENT OF BIRTH.
"I wonder," remarked Miss Ascum, "what makes Mrs. Eddy's church so small." "Born that way," replied the grouchy old bachelor.
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REPLY TO DR. MICHAUX.
Sir,—In your issue of the 11th you published some remarks by Dr. Jacob Michaux on Christian Science which are so erroneous that I request that you publish this correction.
There is no warrant for the statement that Mrs. Eddy's church is "nearly to parts of the Holy Scriptures, while other parts she denounces as false." Mrs. Eddy is best qualified to speak for herself on this subject. She says: "As adherents of truth, we take the inspired Word of the Bible as our sufficient foundation." ("Science and Health," page 497.)
Mrs. Eddy has never said that mortals do not receive pain. Mortals are a creature of pain and sorrow. Mrs. Eddy says that God's man "is made in the divine likeness." ("Science and Health," page 59.) And this spiritual and perfect man is not the creature of pain and sorrow. Mortals must be regenerated, born again, of the spirit. God, Spirit, does nothing which is unlike Himself. Can sin, disease and suffering be like God?

Jesus Christ recognized the spiritual, perfect man, and forgave a healed disease and stopped pain. "Suffering means alone, reliance on God." Christian Science teaches us how to apply his teachings and rely upon God for deliverance from every manifestation of evil.

I am not familiar with the so-called Christian Science treatment in the case of kidney colic which Dr. Michaux alludes to. I have seen an illustration of this treatment, but I can say that it was as far from being a Christian Science treatment as the Dr. Michaux's treatment.

Absolute trust in God, supreme faith in his teachings of Jesus Christ, that is the basis of the Christian Science treatment, and which is guiding the steps of the world-wide to the Christ. It is "blasphemy, ignorance and superstition, mixed and boiled down," that the burden of establishing the proof of this statement must rest with its detractors.

Very respectfully,
Norfolk, Va., December 20, 1907.
J. H. H.

GENERAL CORRECTION.
Editor of The Times-Dispatch:
Allow me to correct an error in the article on "Evolution" in your paper of December 23, in which the descendant of Mrs. David Parke certainly and hear for the first time of a "Robert Evelyn" of Surrey county, Va., was mentioned.

The mural tablet in Bruton Parish Church to Daniel Parke, says "his other families were crowned by his happy marriage with Rebecca Parke, daughter of George Evelyn, of the county of Surrey, Esq.; she died the 2d of January, Anno 1672, at Long Delton, in ye county of Surrey."

Daniel Parke, Jr., the Rebecca Evelyn's son, married Jane Ludwell, and left two daughters, one of whom was married to Robert Parke, Esq., and her much younger sister, Mrs. Wm. Byrd, and Fanny Parke, who became Mrs. Custis. Fanny's son married Martha Danbridge, and their daughter, Mrs. E. Lee, Parke Byrd left two daughters—Evelyn and her much younger sister, Mrs. Wm. Byrd, and Fanny Parke, who became Mrs. Custis. Fanny's son married Martha Danbridge, and their daughter, Mrs. E. Lee, Parke Byrd left two daughters—Evelyn and her much younger sister, Mrs. Wm. Byrd, and Fanny Parke, who became Mrs. Custis.

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SOCIAL and PERSONAL
THE approach of Christmas has been most happily noted in the Richmond schools. The entertainment which took place at Bellevue at 1 o'clock on Monday proved a treat, and in pleasure manifested by the audience gave evidence of the genuine holiday spirit.
In the rendition of the program the Miss Jones proved herself a born electioneer, Kringie and the brownies disported themselves with much success. The letters which the postman brought were overflowing with joy and good will.
Master Willie Smith, pupil of the class, leaped into prominence by his deft handling of the violin. Indeed, so much at ease was he that, to the children, his performance sounded nothing short of magic.
Edgar A. Fox's beautiful poem of "The Bells," added to the music of "The Bells," was beautifully rendered in concert by the pupils of Fifth A grade. The program began with a recitation by Roy Mann, Avis Carter, Newton Dorland and Marie Melsel, the "heralds" of the entertainment. Then there was a recitation by nine girls and boys, entitled "Christmas," which was followed by a class song, "Who Comes a-telling," to a violin accompaniment by Willie Smith.
Mary Nicholas's recitation "Santa Claus is Coming," preceded "A Child's Evenson," by Third B grade, and solo recitations, appropriate to the season, by Mary McLean, the Britton, Charlotte Daddam, Annie Wood, Willie Acree, Vivian Cosby, Bessie Johns, Johnnie Fenno, Annie Wood, Ruth Owens, Ruth Valentine, Florence Currie and Linton Moore, interspersed with class songs and concert recitations, violin numbers by Willie Smith, Christmas carols and patriotic airs by the class.
In Third A grade pupils who recited were Ruth McGowan, Dorothy Bowden, Gladys Lane, Clark Roper, Minnie McDowell, Ethel Hobson, Roderick Maybee and Elsie McGowan. The performance of Fifth B grade closed the program by a presentation of a play in two acts, entitled "What to Santa Claus," and a recitation from Monroe Crawford: "If I should see Santa Claus."

Richmond Girls Honored.
Miss Daisy Boykin and Miss Hattie Shields, of this city, were guests of honor at a breakfast given last week on board the Rhode Island by thirteen young officers of the ship. Mrs. Arthur Mayo chaperoned the young ladies.

Guest of Judge Dew.
Mrs. Frank Anthony Walke, of Norfolk, Va., is the guest in Richmond of Judge Dew, at No. 1520 Grove Avenue, for the remainder of the New Year. The confederate choir concert to be given at Lee Camp Home, under the auspices of Hope-Maury Chapter, of which Mrs. Walke is regent, will take place December 30th. Members of the choir from Norfolk and Portsmouth coming to Richmond December 30th are Miss Mary C. Williams, Miss Evelyn Nimmo, Miss Florence Whitehead, Miss Grace Dalton, Miss Bessie Marsden, Mrs. T. K. Cornick, Miss Kemp Keeling, Mrs. Griff Edwards, Mrs. Harris and Miss Louise Wilkins.

Personal Mention.
Mrs. W. H. Perkins, Miss Perkins and Miss Grace Perkins are spending the Christmas holidays at Miss Plizer's, No. 116 East Franklin Street. Early in the New Year Miss Perkins will go to spend some time in Washington, D. C.

Mr. John Gilliam Munce has returned from Washington and Lee University to spend the holidays with his parents, and has visiting with him Mr. L. Junius Desha, of Kentucky, a former fellow student at Lexington, who is now taking a post-graduate course at Johns Hopkins University.

The Rev. John William Jones, D. D., and Mrs. Jones are the guests of their son, the Rev. Carter Helm Jones, D. D., in Lynchburg, Va.

Misses Anita and Elsie Clark, of Clarkston, Halifax county, will arrive in Richmond on December 27th. They will be met by Mr. Abbott's No. 301 East Franklin Street, when they arrive.

Misses Tommie Lytle and Helen Waller are visiting their brothers, Messrs. Hugh and Houston Waller, at No. 115 East Franklin Street.

Mr. Carroll Powles, of the University College of Medicine, is paying a visit to his home in Danville, Va.

Miss Margaret Brydon, who is spending the winter at Altice, Va., has gone to the guest of her father, Dr. Robert Brydon, of Danville, Va., for some days.

Dr. J. H. C. Bagby, of Hampden-Sydney College, is in town for the Christmas holidays, and is visiting his sister, Mrs. Henry Taylor, Jr., of No. 2001 Monument Avenue.

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Gloves and Handkerchiefs
Short Kid Gloves at 50c, 70c, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50.
Long Kid Gloves at \$3.00 and \$3.50.
Two-clasp Dressing Gloves, in brown and black, at 25c.
Fabric Gloves, silk lined, an exceptional bargain, at 50c.
Children's Gloves—a large assortment to select from—25c a pair.
Hemstitched Linen Handkerchiefs for 12½c, 15c, 18c and 25c.
Ladies' Handkerchiefs, hemstitched and all linen, at 5c, 10c, 12½c, 15c and 25c.
Embroidered Hemstitched Linen Handkerchiefs, 12½c, 15c, 25c, 50c and 80c.
Silk Handkerchiefs, with colored and fancy borders, 25c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00.
Silk Mufflers, a particularly pretty lot, 50c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.50.

Faulkner & Warriner Co.
First and Broad Streets

Hillrise:
BY W. B. MAXWELL,
Author of "The Ragged Messenger,"
"The Guarded Flame," etc.
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CHAPTER XVII.—Continued.
"He told me," said Lady Vincent, "that you had urged him to return to us. Only he cannot do so. But Miss Crunden, your words were not without effect. He has dined with us more often—much more often than before. And Miss Crunden, he is not falling into any bad habits, is he?"
Then Lizzie, blushing hotly under the sense of vicarious shame, felt compelled to touch upon the final events of Champagne Day.
"You know what I said, when you said about his—his doing—what you said. I forgot the word."
"Forgiving," said Lady Vincent solemnly. "It is a slang word."
"Well—after that, he did peg once. But he has never pegged since then. And, Lady Vincent, I don't think—I feel sure that he has made up his mind not to 'peg' again."

"Oh, Miss Crunden, do show him your honor of the 'pearl' habit!"
"I did show it," said Lizzie, blushing more hotly still.
It was curious how completely Lady Vincent now seemed to count on Lizzie as her ally. From the moment of her discovery that Lizzie held "such right views" on the all-important subject of Jack, she confided in Lizzie absolutely. She was the kindest, but certainly not the wisest, of women; and on one of her visits she made a naive confession. "Miss Crunden, you are so different from what I had been led to suppose. It only shows how careful one should be in forming an opinion about people that one really does not know. I very much regret that in your case I formed a most erroneous opinion."

It now seemed quite natural to turn to Lizzie as a right-viewed person, for news and for assistance. Indeed, as Lady Vincent had always thought, it was the natural duty of any one privileged to enjoy the society of Jack to take the strongest interest in his welfare. She spoke of him to Lizzie without the least reserve—as to another matron full of years; almost as if Lizzie had been a relative of the family, some old aunt of Jack, lost sight of for a long time, but now again brought back to the family circle, upon whom "My dear boy will want some holiday, Miss Crunden, have you thought of that? If he works all through the year, his health must fall. Mr. Crunden can hardly refuse him a holiday if he asks for one. My father is taking no holiday himself this year."

"Ah, but your father has worked all his life, and is therefore insured to it. But Jack, that is not so. Do, Miss Crunden, use your influence and get a holiday for him. Make him take a little rest before the autumn.